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REMARKS

The amendments to the claims are described below in the **PRESENT AMENDMENT**. The status of the claims is as follows:

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- a. **Claims 1 -3, 5-17, 19 and 21-31** are Pending in the present application.
- b. **Claims 1-3, 5-8, 15-17, 19 and 21-31** are allowed.
- c. **Claims 9, 11, 12 and 14** are rejected.
- d. **Claims 10 and 13** are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
- e. **Claims 9 and 11** have been amended herein.

i. PRESENT AMENDMENT

Independent **Claims 9 and 11** were amended to distinctly point out and particularly claim the subject matter the Applicant regards as his invention. Specifically, Claim 9 was amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 10 and claim 11 was amended for clarity to recite "tip emits thermal".

No new matter was introduced by amending the application.

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ii. ARGUMENT

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a. Rejections of Claims 9, 11, 12 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) (568 Reference)

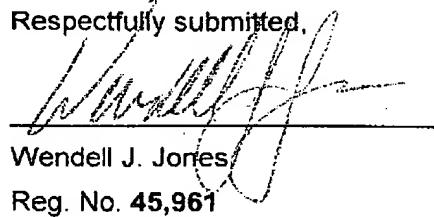
Applicant asserts that independent **Claim 9** has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 10. Applicant accordingly asserts that **Claim 9** is now allowable in view of the Examiner's cited prior art reference.

Claims 11-12 and 14 depend from independent **Claim 9** and inherit all of it's limitations. Therefore, **Claims 11-12 and 14** are patentably distinct in view of the Examiner's reference and the rejections of **Claims 11-12 and 14** under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) ought to now be withdrawn.

iii. CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration, allowance and passage to issue of the claims as now presented. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,


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